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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MILI, OTRA, JA
SUBJ: SCHEDULE ICAF NO. 4 VISIT TO OSAKA KOBE

REF: BIENVENUE/MATSUMOTO TELECON OF 4/1

ICAF FOR COL. GLENN K. MATSUMOTO

1. SINCE MATSUMOTO/BIENVENUE TELECON, NIPPON STEEL HAS INFORMED US THAT PROPOSED VISIT TO THEIR SAKAI PLANT OF FRIDAY MAY 6 WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE POSSIBLE DUE TO NATIONWIDE NIPPON STEEL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE BEING HELD THERE ON THAT DAY. THEY SUGGEST TOUR OF THEIR NAGOYA(TOKAI) PLANT, WHICH IS LARGER AND MORE MODERN THAN SAKAI, ON MONDAY MAY 9. HOWEVER THIS WOULD MAKE LONG DAY MAY 9 BECAUSE OF TRAVEL TIME, AS INDICATED PARA 4 BELOW.

2. SHARP CORPORATION, JAPAN'S SECOND LARGEST CONSUMER ELECTRONIC COMPANY, HAS OFFERED TOUR OF SHARP AUDIO-STEREO FACTORY AND DISCUSSION WITH SHARP OFFICIALS ON JAPANESE CONSUMER ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY FOR MAY 6, AS INDICATED IN REVISED PROPOSED SCHEDULE BELOW.

3. ALSO FOR MAY 6, SUMITOMO SHOJI(TRADING COMPANY) HAS OFFERED TO
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HOST DISCUSSION MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUMITOMO GROUP COMPANIES INCLUDING SUMITOMO METAL, LIGHT METAL, CHEMICAL, ELECTRICAL AND PRECISION MACHINE COMPANIES. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD OFFER ICAF GROUP AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR INSIGHT INTO SCOPE AND RELATIONSHIPS OF LARGE JAPANESE INDUSTRY GROUPING AND ACCORDINGLY RECOMMEND IT INSTEAD OF OSAKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MEETING FOR MAY 6.

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4. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED ITINERARY REVISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
FOREGOING:

MAY 5: (THURS.: HOLIDAY)
1700- CONGEN BRIEFING AT CG'S RESIDENCE FOLLOWED BY MEETING AND
COCKTAILS WITH MEMBERS OF AMRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND
SELECTED JAPANESE OFFICIALS AND BUSNESS-INDUSTRY REPRESENTA-
TIVES. RETURN TO ROYAL HOTEL OSAKA APPROXIMATELY 2100 HOURS.

MAY 6: (FRI.)
0835- LEAVE ROYAL HOTEL.
0915- LEAVE OSAKA CENTRAL PIER BY BOAT.
1010- ARRIVE SAKAI PORT
1030- ARRIVE MINOLTA CAMERA COMPANY FOR PLANT TOUR AND DISCUSSION.
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH.
1230- LEAVE MINOLTA CAMERA BY BUS.
1330- ARRIVE SHARP CORPORATION FOR PLANT TOUR AND DISCUSSION.
1530- LEAVE SHARP CORPORATION.
1600- ARRIVE SUMITOMO.
1720- LEAVE SUMITOMO.
1730- ARRIVE ROYAL HOTEL.

MAY 7:(SAT.)
0915- LEAVE ROYAL HOTEL.
0930- ARRIVE SANWA BANK FOR DISCUSSION SESSION.
1130- LEAVE SANWA BANK.
1145- ARRIVE ROYAL HOTEL

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MAY 7. P.M. AND MAY 8:
FREE: SEE PARAGRAPH 7 BELOW.

MAY 9: (MON.)
0700- LEAVE ROYAL HOTEL
0746- LEAVE OSAKA STATION BY SHINKANSEN
0853- ARRIVE NAGOYA STATION
1000- ARRIVE BY BUS KOMAKI PLANT, MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRY
(JOINT VENTURE WITH MCDONNEL DOUGLAS) FOR DISCUSSION
AND PLANT TOUR.
1200- LEAVE KOMAKI
1400- ARRIVE NIPPON STEEL NAGOYA MILL FOR DISCUSSION AND PLANT
TOUR.
1630- LEAVE NIPPON STEEL.
1730- ARRIVE NAGOYA STATION.
1747- LEAVE NAGOYA BY SHINKANSEN.
2020- ARRIVE TOKYO.
ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE DEPARTURE FOR TOKYO FROM NAGOYA
ABOUT 1300. AS MENTIONED IN TELECON. TOYOTA MOTOR VEHICLE

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FACTORY VISIT WOULD BE POSSIBLE AFTERNOON MAY 9 BUT WOULD
ALSO MEAN LATE ARRIVAL TOKYO.

5. MITSUBISHI, LIKE NIPPON STEEL, TRIED TO REG OFF RECEIVING
GROUP ON MAY 9, ALSO BECAUSE OF PLANNED NATIONAL COMPANY
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE THAT WEEK. WE WERE ABLE TO PERSUADE THEM
THROUGH MITSUBISHI AIRCRAFT HEAD OFFICE IN TOKYO TO ACCEPT
VISIT AS SCHEDULED ABOVE.

6. SHIFT OF NIPPON STEEL VISIT TO NAGOYA AGAIN RAISES QUESTION
OF POSSIBLE DESIRABILITY TRAVEL OSAKA TO NAGOYA EVENING OF MAY
8 AS ALTERNATIVE TO EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE MAY9. HOTEL ACC-
OMMODATIONS AT NAGOYA WOULD COST 5,250 YEN FOR SINGLES.
DOUBLES ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN SINCE MAY 8 IS "DAIAN".
PROPITIOUS DAY FOR WEDDINGS.

7. FOR FREE TIME AFTERNOON MAY 7 AND MAY 8, TEAM MEMBERS MAY
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SHOP, ATTEND TAKARAZUKA OPER ALL GIRL REVIEW) FEATURING
"GONE WITH THE WIND". SHOW TIME IS 1500 HOURS AND COSTS
DLS 7 PER PERSON, BUS TRANSPORTATIONC COSTS DLS 120 FOR GROUP:
TAXI/RAIL DLS 4.00 PER PERSON. NIGHT CABARET TOUR OF OSAKA IS
AVAILABLE, COST APPROXIMATELY DLS 25 PER PERSON. TOUR BEGINS AT
1930 AND INCLUDES TWO CABARETS. ONE FEATURING JAPANESE DANCING
AND THE OTHER A FLOOR SHOW. PRICE INCLUDES ONE BEER AT EACH CLUB.
RETURN TO HOTEL AT APPROXIMATELY 2300 HOURS. FOR SUNDAY, MAY 8,
SUGGEST GUIDED BUS TOUR TO KYOTO, DEPARTING HOTEL AT APPROXIMATELY
1200 RETURNING BY 2030 HOURS. TOUR COSTS DLS 50 PER PERSON AND
INCLUDES POINTS OF INTEREST IN KYOTO, JAPANESE DINNER WITH
GEISHAS.

8. PLEASE PROVIDE FISCAL DATA FOR 1) HIRING OF MINI BUS FOR
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY MORNING, AND MONDAY ACTIVITIES AS
INDICATED ABOVE (ESTIMATED COST/DLS770): 2) SHINKANSEN(BULLET
TRAIN) TICKETS OSAKA/NAGOYA/TOKYO (ESTIMATED COST DOLS1,140);
AND TRUCK TRANSPORTATION OF LUGGAGE FROM OSAKA ROYAL HOTEL TO
HOTEL IN TOKYO (ESTIMATED COST DLS120).

9. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER OFFICIAL PROGRAM AS SET FOURTH
ABOVE IS ACCEPTABLE, AND PARTICULARLY WHETHER GROUP DESIRES
TRAVEL TO NAGOYA MAY 8 AND OVERNIGHT THERE, TO PERMIT US TO
FIRM UP TRAVEL AND HOTEL RESERVATINS. MAY 8 IS END OF GOLDEN
WEEK AND TRAINS WILL BE CROWDED.

10. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE IF POST SHOULD MAKE FIRM COMMITMENTS
FOR TOURS IN PARTICULAR TAKARAZUKA SHOW SINCE TICKETS
USUALLY SOLD OUT MONTH IN ADVANCE OF PROGRAM. COSTS OUTLINED
IN PARA 7 ABOVE ARE DEPENDENT ON GROUP PARTICIPATION.
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